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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINS, MX

SUBJECT: FAA SECTION 32 - POLITICAL PRISONERS

REF: (A) MEXICO 5959; (B) STATE 150955; (C) MEXICO 3309;

(D) STATE 68545.

1. DEPARTMENT SHARES CONCERN OF EMBASSY THAT INFORMING GOM OF EXISTENCE AND EFFECT OF SECTION 32 WOULD BE COUNTER-PRODUCTIVE, IN SENSE THAT NO USEFUL PURPOSE WOULD BE SERVED AND GOM, WHICH TAKES PRIDE IN FACT IT RECEIVES ONLY EXTREMELY MODEST DIRECT "AID" FROM US WOULD TAKE OFFENSE AT SUCH APPROACH. DEPARTMENT DOES NOT BELIEVE, HOWEVER, THAT THIS CONCERN NECESSITATES OUR REMAINING ENTIRELY SILENT ON SUBJECT. APPROACH CALLED FOR IN REF B HAS BEEN MADE TO OTHER COUNTRIES WHICH HAVE NO RECENT HISTORY OF HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS WITHOUT PROVOKING ANY MISUNDERSTANDING OF OUR MOTIVES. (ALTHOUGH AID HAS NO COUNTRY PROGRAM IN MEXICO, THE USG PROVIDES MODEST ASSISTANCE IN FORM OF MILITARY TRAINING PROGRAM, SUBSTANTIAL ASSISTANCE FOR THE NARCOTICS PROGRAM, AND IS CURRENTLY PROCESSING GOM REQUEST FOR 607 (A) DETERMINATION FOR \$80 MILLION (& ORIGINAL ACQUISITION COST) UNDER USAID

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(TOTAL ORIGINAL ACQUISITION COST) OF EXCESS PROPERTY UNDER  
USAID EXCESS PROPERTY PROGRAM.)

2. ONE WAY OF APPROACHING SUBJECT SO AS TO AVOID ANY MISINTERPRETATION WOULD BE TO NOTE USG VIEW THAT WORLD-WIDE HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION DESERVES SERIOUS ATTENTION AND IMPROVEMENT; THAT USG IS CURRENTLY REVIEWING SITUATION WITH A VIEW TOWARDS DETERMINING HOW WE MIGHT BEST ADVANCE HUMAN RIGHTS' OBJECTIVES; AND THAT, ACCORDINGLY, WE ARE CONSULTING WITH OTHER GOVERNMENTS TO OBTAIN THEIR IDEAS AND RECOMMENDATIONS. WE ARE PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN VIEWS OF FRIENDLY GOVERNMENTS WHICH HAVE A TRADITION OF MAINTAINING CIVIL LIBERTIES REGARDING MEANS BY WHICH OTHER NATIONS COULD BE ENCOURAGED TO ADOPT SIMILAR POLICIES. IN THIS CONTEXT, IT SHOULD BE POSSIBLE TO RAISE SECTION 32 MATTER WITHOUT IMPLYING ANY CRITICISM OF GOM PRACTICES.

3. WE HOPE MATTER CAN BE RAISED AT AN APPROPRIATE LEVEL OF GOM ALONG LINES OF REF B AND PARA 2 ABOVE (REALIZING IT MAY NOT BE POSSIBLE UNTIL AFTER ECHEVERRIA'S STATE OF THE UNION SPEECH SEPTEMBER 1). YOU MAY ALSO WISH TO NOTE THAT OUR INTEREST IN GOM VIEWS ON HOW BEST TO ADVANCE THE PROTECTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS WORLDWIDE IS EVIDENCE OF OUR WORKING RELATIONSHIP WITH GOM BASED ON CLOSE CONSULTATIONS AND MUTUAL RESPECT AND CARRIED OUT IN SPIRIT OF TLATELOLCO. KISSINGER

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